*Additional Funding for Ongoing Work-The* fiscal year 2014 budget request does not fund operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation of our nation's aging infrastructure sufficiently to ensure continued competitiveness in a global marketplace. Federal navigation channels maintained at only a fraction of authorized dimensions, and navigation locks and hydropower facilities well beyond their design life results in economic inefficiencies and risks infrastructure failure, which can cause substantial economic losses. Investing in operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation of infrastructure today will save taxpayers money in the future.

The agreement includes additional funds to continue ongoing projects and activities. The intent of these funds is for ongoing work that either was not included in the administration's request or was inadequately budgeted. The direction that follows shall be the only direction used for additional funding provided in this account.

None of these funds may be used for any item where funding was specifically denied, to initiate new projects or programs, or to alter any existing cost-share requirements. Funding associated with each category may be allocated to any eligible project within that category; funding associated with each subcategory may be allocated only to eligible projects within that subcategory. The list of subcategories is not meant to be exhaustive.

The Corps is directed to develop a rating system or systems for use in evaluating projects for allocation of the additional funding provided in this account. These evaluation systems may be, but are not required to be, individualized for each category or subcategory. Each project eligible for funding shall be evaluated under the applicable ratings system. A project may not be excluded from evaluation for being "inconsistent with administration policy." The Corps retains complete control over the methodology of these ratings systems, but shall consider giving priority to the following: ability to complete ongoing work maintaining authorized depths and widths of harbors and shipping channels, including where contaminated sediments are present; ability to address critical maintenance backlog; presence of the U.S. Coast Guard; extent to which the work will enhance national, regional, or local economic development, including domestic manufacturing capacity; extent to which the work will promote job growth or international competitiveness; for harbor maintenance activities, total tonnage handled, total exports, total imports, dollar value of cargo handled, energy infrastructure and national security needs served, lack of alternative means of freight movement, and savings over alternative means of freight movement; number of jobs created directly by the funded activity; ability to obligate the funds allocated within the fiscal year; ability to complete the project, separable element, or project phase within the funds allocated; and the risk of imminent failure or closure of the facility. The executive branch retains complete discretion over project specific allocation decisions within the additional funds provided.

Concerns persist that the administration's criteria for navigation maintenance do not allow small, remote, or subsistence harbors and waterways to properly compete for scarce navigation maintenance funds. The Corps is urged to revise the criteria used for determining which navigation projects are funded in order to develop a reasonable and equitable allocation under this account. The criteria should include the economic impact that these projects provide to local and regional economies, in particular those with national defense or public health and safety importance.

Not later than 45 days after enactment of this Act, the Corps shall provide to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a work plan including the following information: (I) a detailed description of the ratings system( s) developed and used to evaluate projects, including the weighting given to each factor or criterion if multiple factors or criteria are used; (2) delineation of how these funds are to be allocated; (3) a summary of the work to be accomplished with each allocation; and (4) a list of all projects that were considered eligible for funding but did not receive funding, including an explanation of whether each project could have used funds in fiscal year 2014, whether the project was rated as highly or more highly than other projects that did receive funding, and the specific reasons each project was considered as being less competitive for au allocation of funds. For any project excluded from funding for being "inconsistent with administration policy," the work plan shall include a detailed explanation of why each such project is inconsistent with administration policy. No funds shall be obligated for any project under this program that has not been justified in such a work plan.

*Reducing Civil Works Vulnerability.-No* funding shall be used for this new activity.